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2. *Expand Forest Area*		
(a)	Strip plantation	0.02
(b)	Village woodlots	0.03
(c)	Saline land development	0.01
(d)	Seeding for distribution	1.82
	TOTAL (2)	**1.88**
	GRAND TOTAL	**2.62**

World Congress on Environment Management

340. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the three-day Fourth World Congress on Environment Management was held in mid June, 2002, in order to protect the fragile eco-system of the Himalayas, so as to safeguard the environment;

(b) if so, what were the recommendations of Palampur declaration; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to get them implemented?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) A three-day Fourth World Congress on Environment Management was organised from 7th to 9th June, 2002 in Palampur, Himachal Pradesh by the World Environment Foundation, New Delhi. The recommendations of Palampur Declaration were focussed on sustainable development and included:

— Partnership in action for sustainability.

— Resource productivity.

— Innovation and creativity.

— Governance structure.

— Fiscal policies.

— Market frameworks.

These concerns are already reflected in the programmes initiated by the Government.

Tiger population in Rajasthan

341. DR. ABRAR AHMED:
SHRI NANA DESHMUKH:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present population of Tigers in Ranthambhore National Park in Rajasthan;

(b) whether some cubs have recently been spotted in the Park; if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the tiger population in National Parks like Sariska and Ranthambhore in Rajasthan has gone down at an alarming rate;

(d) if so, what is the latest figure in comparison to the past three years; and

(e) what steps are being taken by Government to increase the population of tigers, especially when tigers in National Parks have been a major tourist attraction for several years?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) The present population of tigers in Ranthambhore Tiger Reserve during 2001-2002 is in the range of 35 to 43.

(b) Yes, Sir. 12 number of cubs have been recorded from Ranthambhore Tiger Reserve.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The tiger estimation figures for Sariska and Ranthambhore are as follows: